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INTERVIEW SUMMARY RESPONSE

In response to the Official Action dated 7/31/03, a Statement of Interview Substance is presented herein. Applicant previously filed an RCE submittal on 7/23/03 in response to a Final Office Action dated 4/29/03. This Statement of Interview Substance augments that 7/23/03 RCE submittal.

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STATEMENT OF INTERVIEW SUBSTANCE

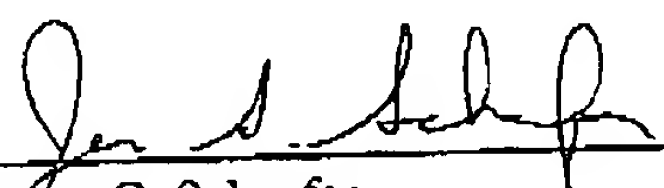
Examiner's Interview

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the interview after final rejection held on July 22, 2003. During that interview, Examiner made Applicant aware of how the un-Amended claims could be interpreted to inadvertently read on referenced art. The Examiner suggested a potential claim Amendment wherein the various conductor subsets of the invention could be explicitly recited as being without connection to one another. Applicant also suggested that the use of the term "splitter" in the un-Amended claims could be replaced with a more precise term. As a result, Applicant has amended the claims in the 7/23/03 RCE submittal to reflect the above mentioned elements and to more clearly recite that which the inventor regards as his invention.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims of the present Application are in a condition for allowance after entry of the 7/23/03 Amendment of the RCE submittal. Reconsideration of the application and an early Notice of Allowance are respectfully requested.

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